

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are canceled; and new claims 35-45 are added and pending in the application. The new claims are identical to the originally-filed claims 1-11.

The claims of the application stand rejected as being unpatentable over Gadgil (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0224504), which the Examiner contends has a filing date of May 20, 2002. Applicant respectfully submits that Publication No. 2004/0224504 does not have a filing date of May 20, 2002. Rather, Publication No. 2004/0224504 has a filing date of June 9, 2004, and claims CIP priority to U.S. Patent No 6,812,157 which has the filing date of May 20, 2002.


The present application has a filing date of September 24, 2003. Thus, any subject matter of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0224504 which is not supported by 6,812,157 (in other words, which is new matter of the CIP) is not prior art relative to the claims of the present application.

Applicant respectfully notes that all of the subject matter of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0224504 relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims of the present application is new matter relative to 6,812,157, and thus not prior art relative to the present application.

As the subject matter relied upon by the Examiner is not prior art relative to the present application, it is inappropriate for the Examiner to utilize such subject matter in rejecting the claims of the present application. The claims of the present application are

thus believed to be allowable over the cited art, and Applicant therefore respectfully requests formal allowance of such claims in the Examiner's next action.

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